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Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining the pending application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-17, without prejudice thereto.